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# Franklin Park Upgrade Pleases Council, Some Issues Remain

by Amanda Leigh Brozana

Greenbelt City Council met on Wednesday, June 17 at the Springhill Lake Elementary School, holding an open discussion with the management of Greenbelt's largest housing community, Franklin Park.

Joseph Kazarnovsky, a managing partner with Fieldstone Properties LLC, the company that owns the 153-acre Franklin Park, told council that since taking ownership, Fieldstone has completed renovations on more

## Lightning Strike Starts Fire

Tuesday night's storm hit the University Square Apartments at the corner of Westway and Lakeside Drive.

Firefighters say that 22 apartments were affected. No one was hurt.

than 2,100 units in the complex. In addition, management has focused on landscaping improvements, removing eyesores and improving breezeways in buildings. These have all enhanced the quality of life for residents, according to the eight Fieldstone and Franklin Park management officials who attended the meeting, and significantly increased the resident retention rate for the complex.

Kazarnovsky told council that the next large-scale project, slated to start soon and run through the end of 2016, will be an upgrade to all air conditioning and heating units in the community, a project that will cost upwards of \$2M.

"We've worked on a full transformation of the property to make it an attractive community," Kazarnovsky said. "The demographics have improved significantly."

He also reported that the

crime rate across all types – from violent crime to crimes like theft and vandalism – has greatly decreased.

#### Feel Safe

As a result, Kazarnovsky said, "people feel very safe with us, a real improvement."

City Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze noted the sharp reduction in code violation complaints coming from the complex in the more than four years since Fieldstone took over the former Springhill Lake community.

Mayor Emmett Jordan praised the management for their work in revitalizing the community, which includes 2,877 units across more than 400 buildings.

Jordan said the public-private partnership between Fieldstone and the city to add a walking path and lighting from the community behind the Springhill

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## What's Going On Here? Our Paper Is Changing

by Mary Lou Williamson

There are some significant changes to this newspaper that have been occurring and will continue to do so for some time. Our plans center on rethinking and redesigning this newspaper's online presence – a goal that may take a year or two to accomplish. The project includes creating a website design document, implementation plan and mockups for a sustainable and extensible electronic News Review that complements but does not replace traditional print.

Beginning with this month, we have brought in-house the preprint process. We have also contracted with a local web design company, Diamante Designs, to initiate changes in our website, financed through a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. The new site will eventually add the capability for online submissions to the paper and the recently announced new email addresses offer us a step in that direction. Also planned are a photo gallery and a blog.

In our efforts to improve the website, we already have a func-

tioning, community-wide calendar of events (also financed by a grant from the Foundation) and the archives of the newspaper back to the first issues in 1937 (complete except for about 18 months). We have been delighted by the utilization of the calendar – which is a single source of a wide variety of entertainment and civic options.

During the past two years, again with a grant from the Foundation, we developed and implemented a plan for utilizing journalism students from the University of Maryland.

#### New Team

Our new preprint team is well known to Greenbelters – Anne Gardner and Amy Hansen. Their primary goal is the coordination and delivery of electronic copy to our print shop. In so doing, they will provide end-to-end managerial and hands-on editorial support for the weekly publication of the paper. The position they share is evolving.

Gardner's background is in

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# Council Deals with VA Clinic Closing, Transgender Issues

by Kathleen Gallagher

Brian A. Hawkins, director of the Washington, D.C., Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, appeared with a number of his administrative and medical staff at the June 22 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council to tell council about the closing of the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Greenbelt by the end of September. Another significant item that came up at the meeting was a request from a resident for action to allow transgender swimmers to use facilities in the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) that are consistent with their gender identity.

This being the last meeting of the fiscal year, housekeeping legislation to take care of end-of-year budget adjustments was enacted. Also on the agenda were approval of the city's Open Space Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 and a proclamation received by Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald on behalf of the Recreation Department declaring July to be Parks and Recreation Month.

## **VA Clinic Closing**

Regarding the closing of the Greenbelt VA clinic, Hawkins said they were notified last month that their lease would not be renewed because the suite has been sold and the new owner will be conducting business there rather than renting out the space. Currently located at 2525 Greenway Center Drive, the outpatient center serves about 1,500 veterans in total

In federal terms, the change is not a closing but a realignment. Although eligible patients have the option of going to other community-based VA clinics in Maryland or the District, the medical providers from the Greenbelt clinic will be reassigned to the Southern Prince George's County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, located at 5801 Allentown Road in Camp Springs, near Andrews Air Force Base. Greenbelt patients wishing to continue with their current providers should go there.

Councilmembers expressed concern about the greater distance that Greenbelt and other northern Prince George's County veterans would have to travel to get their medical care. The Camp Springs location is 15 miles from the Greenbelt East location. Fort Meade would be approximately the same distance.

By public transportation, the trip would be 1.5 hours, using the Metro Green Line and two county buses. Using buses alone, Metro's Trip Planner suggests the trip would be more than three hours each way. Greenbelt resident Bill Orleans, who receives his medical care through the VA, commented that if using public transportation from Greenbelt, it would be much more efficient to use one of the D.C. clinics than to travel to Camp Springs.

Hawkins said most clients traveled to the Greenbelt clinic using personal vehicles, not public transportation, and he noted programs under which the VA will transport non-ambulatory people who cannot come in for care. In addition, clients are reimbursed for mileage.

Most importantly, he said, many more comprehensive services are available at Camp Springs, which not only improves care but also saves having to make additional trips elsewhere. Two advantages he cited in particular were the availability of dental services and of female medical providers, with women being the fastest growing segment of VA medical clients. According to Hawkins, the rent in Greenbelt is considerably higher than for their space in Camp Springs, which discourages expansion here.

Mayor Emmett Jordan noted from Hawkins' background information that he and the VA Medical Center are active in programs for homeless veterans. Hawkins said they were always looking for partners in those efforts. Jordan said the city would be interested in discussing that further, and Councilmember Silke Pope said she believed Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 would also like to be involved.

## **Pool Changing Areas**

Basil Early requested the council to revise the city policy governing the GAFC to comply with those of Swimming USA, which is the national governing

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Peace Pole Dedicated See story on page 12

## What Goes On

Saturday, June 27

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind the Municipal Building

Tuesday, June 30

**7 p.m.,** Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Public Works Facility

Thursday, July 2

10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Hidden Lands Performance, Greenbelt Arts Center (see city ad for details.)

Saturday, July 4

Celebrate Independence Day at Buddy Attick Park (Details next week.)

### Our New Email Addresses

- editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com for stories, letters and photographs;
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- office@greenbeltnewsreview.com for general inquiries about the newspapers, e.g., office hours, how to submit materials (format and editorial standards) and volunteering; and
  - business@greenbeltnewsreview.com for billing and accounting questions.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Open To Suggestions

I want to express my thanks to Mr. LeaMond for writing in last week with his questions and concerns about the Greenbelt Theatre. We at the theater are always open to suggestions, questions and concerns. Feedback gives us the chance to try harder and do better.

I'm sorry that we have the appearance of being closed, because we are trying very hard to offer more, at more times of the day. Since we opened on May 1, we have had over a dozen community film events outside of the regular evening shows, and we will soon be rolling out new daytime film series – stay tuned! In response to your concerns, however, we have modified our closing procedures and the lights will remain on high until the end of the last show.

Speaking of the last show, we have recently had a couple of longer films (two hours or more) making it unfeasible (and likely not too popular!) to start a late show at around 10. But, we have just this past week standardized our showtimes, after patron requests that we not have times shift from day to day. We are very willing to listen to the community and do all that we can to make the theater-going experience a pleasant one.

As for signage, we have increased the font size on our showtimes listing in the ticket window, added showtimes to the poster cases and will now have them also posted on the felt board to the right of the ticket booth. You can also find our showtimes online (on our website and Fandango), in the News Review and the Washington Post, and by calling the theater's audio recording (301-329-2034).

Coming attractions are on our website, and when possible we are posting things in advance in the News Review and the poster cases. The website has listings of what is playing for the next couple of weeks, including all our special programming, family programming and special events, such as the upcoming Pride Month Film Series.

In answer to "how can we help?" help can come in many forms: stop in to chat with me or anyone on staff, we are always ready to listen and do what we can; volunteer – we love having members of the community here to greet everyone and help out; and become a member, joining a group now over 300 strong, in helping make the Greenbelt Theatre great.

We are just now in our second month of business and there will inevitably be bumps in the road. But we're on this road together, and we're very glad to be here. Thanks again for sharing your thoughts and for the chance to make things even better.

Caitlin McGrath, executive director, Old Greenbelt Theatre

## More on Volunteers

I enjoyed reading Cathie Meetre's piece about volunteerism in Greenbelt, including its roots in the earliest days of the Greenbelt pioneers. I am writing so as to include the wonderful volunteers/ docents that have kept the Greenbelt Museum running and thriving since 1987. We have a dedicated group of the finest folks, without whom we could not greet visitors from all over the world, present lectures and offer programs like the Retro Town Fair. the Roosevelt Ride and Rexford Revue. We are open every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. because we have volunteers anxious to share our special history, including our history of volunteerism. These caring people, along with our volunteer FOGM Board, make my job a joy.

Finally, we are always looking for new docents.

Sheila Maffay-Tuthill Education/Volunteer Coordinator Greenbelt Museum

## Keep The Lights On

I read with interest the letter by Tom LeaMond regarding the theater. We also are supporters of the Greenbelt theater and agree with the points he made about the darkened marquee and lighting. Previously on weekends there were two evening shows, and when one came out of the earlier 7:30 p.m. movie, the Center was alight with people waiting to come in and there were others just out enjoying the evening. It was a time to run into friends and neighbors. Now when you come out of the theater, it is dark, empty and depressing. Not inviting at all.

I realize costs must be kept down, and that is probably why movies are scheduled at particular times and why the lighting is off. Would it be possible, at least on the weekends, to leave the marquee lights on until the end of the 7 p.m. movie?

I don't think the theater is advertised in the Washington Post along with the other theater listings. If it is, I must have missed it. This would bring in people from outside of Greenbelt which is another reason we need a cheerful and well-lit atmosphere. We want people to come back. I did not see any articles in the Post on our grand opening either. Would it be possible to have something in the Post about our theater? People outside of Greenbelt need to know we are now open for business.

Alice Murray

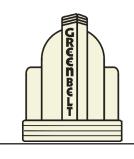


## Free Entry to Museums For Military Personnel

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Blue Star Museum program, is offering free entry to six of its museums to military personnel from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Participating museums are College Park Aviation Museum, Darnall's Chance House Museum, Marietta House Museum, Montpelier Mansion, Riversdale House Museum and Surratt House Museum

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.



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## **SHOWTIMES**

June 26 - July 2

CLOUDS OF SILS MARIA (R) (124m.)

Fri. 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM Sat. - Tues. 5:15 PM, 8:00

PRIDE MONTH FILM SERIES! 6/26-6/28

MARRIED IN SPANDEX (50m.) With filmmakers in-person for Q&A! Fri. 9:00 PM

CLOUDBURST (NR) (93m.) Sat. 11 AM, Sun. 2 PM

PRIDE (R) (119m.) Sat. 2:00 PM, Sun. 11:00 AM

Starting Wednesday July 1: ME, EARL AND THE DYING GIRL (PG-13) (105m.) Weds. & Thurs. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I'll bet you ten bucks they try to bring gambling and all its evils to this county...."

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#### REMEMBER!

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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# **Community Events**

## **Art Show** AtNew Deal

Attention artists! June 30 is the new deadline for entering your work in the Farm to Table art show at the New Deal Café. This group show, which will be on display during July and August, is being produced in collaboration with the Greenbelt Farmers Market. The reception on Sunday, July 26, will include activities for adults and children as well as a chance for folks to meet all the artists.

Works of art with the theme of markets -- harvesting, farms, farm animals, vegetables, fruits, bread and flowers -- are welcome. All two-dimensional work, including photographs, may be submitted, and a display case for small three-dimensional art is also available.

For details on how to enter artwork in the show, go to newdealcafe.com/events/art. php. Inquiries may be sent to Meg Haney at myevsuk@aol. com or 301-602-2769. This exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts with support from the

## **GHI Notes**

Thursday June 25, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday June 26, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Friday July 3, OFFICE CLOSED, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

## **New Deal Calendar**

Friday, June 26, John Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Jennifer Cooper & GroovSpan offer up an eclectic ensemble of covers that span decades and include multiple genres and styles of popular music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 27, the Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in or sit back and listen. WAMMIE winner Billy Coulter and his band play inspired, organic and original roots rock and power pop music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 28, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Jolly Llama, a classic rock band that features sitar and flute, will perform from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30, a fundraiser for our Maryland State Delegate, Alonzo Washington, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1, roots/ Americana duo, The Hummingbirds, play classic country, rock and original music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 2, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. Paige Poweel host a Song Writers Association of Washington Open Mic from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, July 3, Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by The Mojo Priests, an R&B rock blues band, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 4, the TV John Variety show will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. The Café will close at 5 p.m.

## City Notes

Planning Staff responded to inquiries for bidding for the Buddy Attick Park parking lot redesign project.

Public Works received a letter from the Maryland Energy Administration advising that Greenbelt has been approved for funding for Phase III of the energy efficiency improvements for city facilities. The exact dollar amount has not been indicated, but it states up to \$100,000 which was requested for energy efficiency improvements at the Community Center and park ar-

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 47.84 tons of refuse and 15.42 tons of recyclable material.

## **Produce Delivery** For Homebound

The GAIL Program in partnership with GIVES plans to provide a free produce delivery program for homebound, physically disabled Greenbelt residents. From June through September on the fourth Thursday of the month, the GAIL program provides free produce to Greenbelt residents and participants of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program. Through this exciting new partnership, GAIL will be able to serve homebound residents who cannot attend the actual distribution.

Those who would like to receive a monthly produce distribution on Thursdays, July 23, August 27 and September 24, should contact Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660. All deliveries will be made between the hours of 1 to 3 p.m. Individuals who live within incorporated Greenbelt and who are homebound or using a wheelchair or walker are eligible for delivery. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, July 9.

## Film Series Highlights LGBT Pride Month

In honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, the Old Greenbelt Theatre and GreenBeLT Pride are partnering to bring to Greenbelt a Pride Month Film Series on June 26, 27 and 28. The film series will feature three movies over the weekend, including "Married in Spandex" (June 26 at 9 p.m., followed by a

special O&A discussion with the filmmakers); "Cloudburst" (June 27 at 11 a.m. and June 28 at 2 p.m.) and "Pride" (June 27 at 2 p.m. and June 28 at 11 a.m.)

LGBT Pride Month is celebrated each June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion in New York City's Greenwich Village, which was ignited in response to a series of police raids on bars serving gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender patrons. Michael Hartman

## Register For GED **Mini Course**

Greenbelt CARES will hold registration for its four-week summer mini GED course. Registration for Springhill Lake is Thursday, July 2 at 10 a.m. and for the Municipal Building is Monday, July 6 at 10 a.m.

Monday classes are held in the Municipal Building from 10 to noon, July 6 through July 27. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from Thursday, July 2 to Thursday, July 30. Tuesday and Thursday morning classes are from 10 a.m. to noon, and there is a Tuesday afternoon class from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no class on Thursday afternoon. Students will review the four subject areas and computer skills required to take the GED exam.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judye Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

### ACADEMY STADIUM THEATERS

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For directions visit www.academy8theaters.com R = ID Required (!) = No passes, (!!) = No passes weekend Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows

Most features are \$5.50 all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D

#### Week of June 26

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## GIVE BLOOD Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Utopia Film Festival Presents Sunday, June 28th & Wednesday, July 1st Beginning at 8 PM

> "The Legend of Merv Conn", "Translumination",

"The Spam Job", and "Buddha's Bracelet" On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe) Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

## **Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)**

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## Free and Open to the Public

**GATe Orientation Class** We cover the policies and procedures of how public access works. Wednesday, July 1 at 7:30PM Sorry! No PSA Day on Sunday, July 5th

Members Only-Mark Your Calendars! **Basic Canon Camera Class-\$\$** Tues., & Wed., July 7&8 at 7:30PM Camera Science Class -\$\$ Thurs., July 9th at 7:30 PM with Aaron Solomon Registration closing on July 7. RED Camera Class -- \$\$\$ Sat. & Sun., July 11 & 12, from 10AM-4PM

Book a seat at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by visiting www.greenbelttv.org and click on "Channel"

Registration closing on July 9.s

## **Greenbelt Arts Center** FINAL WEEKEND



directed by Rick Starkweather A guest production from Thunderous Productions June 26 - 28 Friday and Saturday at 8:00, Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

## **COMING SOON**

The Springfield Boys - Jul 10-19, 2015 - Guest Production from Seventh Street Playhouse The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] - Jul 24 - Aug 8 -

Guest Production from Off the Quill For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or

email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org\_or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

# **Obituaries**

## Ralph Arroyo

Ralph Salvador Arroyo, 74, died on April 28, 2015, at the Mandarin Hospice Home in Harwood, Md. The son of Raphael Salvador Arroyo and Barbara Valle Arroyo, he was born in Manhattan, N.Y., and raised in Greenbelt. He later resided in Rockville; Germantown; Arlington, Va.; Middlesex, England; and Mallorca, Spain.

He graduated from High Point High School in 1958 and studied computer science at American University. In his professional career, he worked in computer technology for Wang-United States, Xerox Data Systems, Honeywell and Wang-Europe. At Xerox, circa 1971 to 1975, Mr. Arroyo served as the company representative for the U.S. Naval Intelligence Command and was successful with the sales of real time computer systems. He distinguished himself in coverage of the large account at the Naval Air Systems Command and was commended for his accomplishments. He was hard working, dedicated and competent with his blend of technical knowledge and a natural people-oriented personality.

He enjoyed traveling, fine dining, playing golf, the theater, reading novels and listening to many different genres of music. He raced stock cars, sang doo wop with The Kooltones and was an avid sports fan; he refereed football for Montgomery County Public Schools and various NCAA Division I college football games. He spoke five languages and was president of the Rotary Club of Calvia in Mallorca, Spain, from 2012 to 2013. He was conservative, intelligent and sometimes emotional, yet his great sense of humor and roaring laugh was infectious.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Nancy Hawk (Arroyo) Walton, and his daughter Tamara Celeste Arroyo.

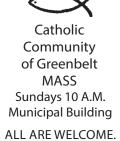
Survived by sisters Clara (Fern) Goss and Judith (Clark) Foulke; adult children Tania Arroyo (Nicholas) Jope, Christian (Melissa) Arroyo, and Tyla Arroyo (Nick) Olson; and six grandchildren: Emma Arroyo, Bennett Arroyo, Casey Olson, Katie Olson, Sophia Jope and Ryan Jope. He is also survived by niece Judith Levitt and nephews Glenn Goss; David Foulke, Sr.; Clark Foulke, Jr. and Thomas Foulke and their families, and dear friends Dan and Peggy Garges and Abi Vine.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 12 at 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 13106 Annapolis Road, Bowie (Phone: 301-262-5353.) In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church.

Tania Cusack







## Berneice Irene (Boswell) Mast

Born in Bowie on September 13, 1928, Berneice Mast died

on Thursday, June 18, 2015. h e daughter of the late Albert and Irene (Deutsch)



Boswell, she had been a resident of Greenbelt since 1956.

Mrs. Mast was a 1945 graduate of Bowie High School. Working as a secretary, she retired after 42 years of federal service with the FBI, D.C. government's Glenn Dale Hospital and Forest Haven. She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Mrs. Mast enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, touring the U.S. and Canada, and was a long-time avid Washington Capitals fan and season ticket holder. She was also gifted seamstress who excelled in quilt making and cross-stitch.

Mrs. Mast is survived by her daughter Deborah (Dennis) Bakaysa of Clayton, N. C. and her son Thomas (Cynthia) Mast of Bowie, her sisters Myrtle (the late Rocky) Vargo of Orlando, Fla.; Doris (the late Fred) Schneider of Denton, Md., and Rita (Emory) Kelley of Clements, Md.; five grandchildren, six greatgrandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; and a caretaking friend. Elizabeth Parrish.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, Curtis "Corky" McBride Mast, her sister-in-law Barbara (Mast) Thornberry, sisters Margaret (Clarence) Kerns and Louise (Paul) Kerns and brothers Anthony (Lillian) Boswell and Martin (Catherine) Boswell





# Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Berneice Mast, 86, who died June 18, 2015. Born and raised in Bowie, she moved to Greenbelt in the mid-1950's and raised her children Deborah and Thomas

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Ralph Arroyo, 74, who died on April 28, 2015. He grew up in Greenbelt and as an adult lived in Bowie and Europe.

Elaine Blackman, daughter of the late Harry Zubkoff, a former editor of the Greenbelt News Review, has established a blog website based on her dad's writings on many subjects over the years. She invites Greenbelters to check out the website at foresightsandhindsights.blogspot.com. I did, and I can guarantee readers they will find something interesting, thoughtful or humorous.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@ greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

-Kathleen McFarland

#### **More Plans for Green School**

With their newly minted state Green School certification in hand, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Green Team is ready to move on.

"We're turning our sights to national Green Ribbon Certification," said Green Team advisor and social studies teacher Jessica Stern. "We are looking to partner with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to develop a master plan for the ERHS grounds through their Stormwater Savvy project."

The project will include a site analysis and community design workshop with a Design Challenge Game. Community members will also be invited to give feedback on the plan and help with its implementation.

"As part of the application for Stormwater Savvy, the NDC asks for proof of willing partners in the project," said

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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

301-474-4322

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



Hanan Zinab and Michael Addy planting a tree.

## ERHS Certified As Green School

by Amrita Ahuja

From the addition of a Victory Garden to the school's recycling club, ERHS has proven that it is ready to officially go green. ERHS has officially been approved as a state-certified green school, and will receive the certification and green flag on May 22. The certification lasts for four years, at which time ERHS will have to reapply.

U.S. History teacher and sponsor of the ERHS Green Team environmental club, Mrs. Jessica Stern was contacted by at the Schmidtt Center for Environmental Education that was willing to donate trees to the school. On Thursday, May 7, many students

helped plant them and several teachers donated digging equipment. The trees were planted in front of the school building, which not only provides shade to the parking lot and adds more native trees to school grounds, but also improves the overall aesthetic of the school.

Amrita Ahuja is a student at ERHS. This article originally appeared in the Raider Review, the high school paper.







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Lake Recreation Center to Cherrywood Lane, where many residents walk to access the Greenbelt Metro Station, has been a great benefit for the more than 8,000 tenants of Franklin Park.

"We thank you for the partnership to develop the pathway from the complex to the Metro," Jordan said.

Councilmember Ed Putens suggested that another area of interest for a public-private partnership would be the creation of a dog park on the grounds of the community. Kazarnovsky said that the day before the meeting with council, the Franklin Park and Fieldstone management team had discussed that same issue and identified a space that possibly could be suitable for such use.

Jordan also asked if management had plans to create a community space such as a meeting room for resident rental or use. Kazarnovsky said there was little space available for such a purpose, but one area had been identified and management was looking into options for the space.

In the meantime, Kazarnovsky said the laundry center on site had become a social hub for many residents but noted that other community activities were also integral in helping residents feel connected with their neighbors and a sense of community.

During the meeting, a handful of residents of the apartment property were in attendance and spoke related to concerns in their units and with the property.

## **Visual Detectors**

Resident Elizabeth Hall, told the council through a sign language interpreter of a recent issue she had at her apartment. She said that on Sunday, June 14, she thought there might be a carbon monoxide issue and called maintenance, who determined that three of her four smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were not working. She also called the Berwyn Heights Fire Department to test for carbon monoxide because Franklin Park maintenance said they did not have such equipment.

When maintenance replaced the detectors that were not working, the detectors initially were not linked into the visual fire alarm system installed by a Franklin Park employee upon her move-in more than a year prior. Upon inspection by one of the firefighters, Hall said she was told that the system had never been properly installed for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to activate the visual strobe system in the event of an emergency.

She said the maintenance workers who were in her home that evening were unable to get the system to work and as of Wednesday, four days after this discovery, no one had fixed the

## **Holy Cross Thrift Store**

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"How can I feel safe in my home?," Hall sighed.

Franklin Park Maintenance Director Aaron Martin said he did not know of the issue and would get Hall's address and follow up. Resident Services Director Denise Knight said she was aware of the issue and regretted it had not yet been resolved.

Councilmembers asked several questions of management related to measures in place to assist hearing impaired and other individuals with disabilities to be safe in their apartments. Craze said code enforcement would follow up on the issue the next day.

#### Water Bills

Councilmember Judith Davis noted information provided by residents to council in reference to utility bills, specifically what residents believed to be excessively high water bills. Since no units in the complex are individually metered Franklin Park bases monthly water bills for units on water consumption measured by the meters servicing the buildings. A complex formula including the square footage of a unit and an assumption of number of residents is used to distribute costs to each unit, according to Kazarnovsky.

Based on information provided by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) website, the bills were in line with the expected number of residents in each unit and typical water consumption, he said.

Putens and Councilmember Silke Pope noted that in their single family home and townhome, respectively, their bills were typically under \$100 per quarter, while residents of Franklin Park who presented their statements to council see water bills averaging more than \$70 per month.

Kazarnovsky said Fieldstone passes only 70 percent of the entire bill from WSSC onto residents while paying for 30 percent to account for general community usage, unoccupied units, any unknown leaks and more.

Kazarnovsky said, however, tenants bills were likely to remain high as long as they could not see how individual changes to behavior tied directly to bills.

"As humans, if we don't get a direct benefit from something, we don't pay attention," Kazarnovsky

#### Communication

Communication from management to residents was also a topic of discussion

Pope said that in previous meetings between council and Franklin Park management, general issues related to informing tenants as well as dissemination of information relevant to all city residents were addressed.

'When I lived here, there was a newsletter. I wonder, do you still have one? I found that really important," Pope said.

Kazarnovsky said the management found that paper newsletters were often unread and discarded but that email blasts were an efficient way to connect with and inform residents. He said management has more than 3,000 email addresses on file and often sends information to residents.

Residents, however, disputed this, saying that email communication was infrequent and often only informed them of special events, not about community issues or anything related to city events or services open to them. Jordan asked that he and the rest of council be added to the email distribution list for the commu-

Knight said she would do so and that communication with residents is an area that they will continue to strive to improve.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program The Senior Nutrition Food

and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Greenbelt Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 29 are as follows:

Monday, June 29: Apple juice, Swedish meatballs, whole grain penne pasta, broccoli, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, June 30: Cranberry juice, stuffed salmon w/lemon pepper sauce, lima beans, garden vegetables, cinnamon applesauce.

Wednesday, July 1: Menu To Be Determined

Thursday, July 2: Menu To Be Determined

Friday, July 3: July 4 Holiday - All Sites Closed

## **Drop Us a Line!**

Electronically, that is. editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com



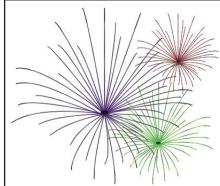
# City Information

## **MEETINGS FOR JUNE 29-JULY 2**

Tuesday, June 30 at 7pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

There will be no City Council Meetings this week due to the Maryland Municipal League Conference.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



## **July Fourth** Fanfare!

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd.

- Bring a picnic Walk the lake trail Enjoy the playground
  - Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
  - Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
    - FIREWORKS approx. 9:00pm

In case of inclement weather, call the Weather and Information Hotline for information about schedule adjustments: 301-474-0646.

## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

## REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of June 29 Monday Route - Regular Schedule Tuesday Route - Regular Schedule Wednesday Route - Regular Schedule Thursday Route - Regular Schedule

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, July 3.

## **DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month Next one: Saturday, June 27, from 9a.m.-12 noon Parking lot between City Office and Community Center Info: 301-474-8308

## **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

## PLASTIC BAGS WILL NO LONGER BE **COLLECTED IN YOUR BIN AS OF JULY 1, 2015**

The City of Greenbelt will stop collecting plastic bags and film plastic such as sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic wrap etc., on July 1st, because these materials will no longer be accepted at the Prince George's County Recycling Facility. This decision was made by the County due to the fact that the bags had been getting caught in the facility's machinery causing regular shutdowns. Please do not place these materials in your recycling bin or take them to the recycling centers.

Plastic bags can be recycled at the grocery stores and other stores. If you must throw away your plastic bags, it is suggested that you use them as trash can liners prior to throwing them out. For other ways to reuse the plastic bags, check out the City of Greenbelt Pinterest page at https://www.pinterest.com/cgreenbelt/what-to-do-with-plastic-bags/ for a whole bunch of neat ideas! Or, better yet, consider buying reusable bags.

Remember to place your recyclables loose in the bins, and not in plastic bags. Shredded paper must be placed in paper bags in your bin.

Greenbelt is proud of its recycling rate and the ability of residents to recycle so many different materials. The City will continue to collect the bags through June 30th. Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors. If you like more information, please contact the City of Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator, Luisa Robles at 301-474-8308.

Come out and enjoy these free performances by our talented first session camp kids!

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## **SHOWCASE 2015**

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teaching computer software and in desktop publishing both in her native England and here in the U.S. She has volunteered for the News Review primarily on the business side but also in writing stories. Her other interests are in music and art. Her husband Jon is a Goddard scientist who frequently contributes photos to the News Review. They have three children in Greenbelt schools.

Hansen is a published author of children's books with an extensive background in journalism. Her professional experience runs from reporting to managing editor of the National Science Foundation magazine. Her husband Bobby Candey, is a Goddard engineer. They have two boys at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

#### Departure

The new team replaces graphic designer Lynn Eppard, who began her work with the June 21, 2001, issue. She rightly says she "is proud of the contributions [she has] made to the newspaper over the years." Most noticeably she changed the look of the News Review's banner on the front page – giving the paper a clean and modern look, enlivened by a much brighter color green. It is interesting to look back at the

July and August issues of the paper from 2001 (archived on the website) to see the new banner evolving.

Our editorial for June 21, 2001 says a lot. The change from Chesapeake print shop that was closing "requires technology that most of the newspaper staff is not familiar with. At some point in the near future all transmission of information will be electronic. Quite a leap for our present staff." That last statement describes, perhaps equally, many of today's staff as we make our newest leaps.

Thanking the staff for "what

has been a very productive business relationship during these past 14 years," Eppard writes, "I have had the benefit of working with a dynamic and ever changing set of volunteers who are committed to both excellence and community service. I have learned from their example. The association also provided me with opportunities for both personal

and professional development."

To quote the 2001 editorial again, "We thought you'd like to know what's going on behind the scenes."

(Also contributing to this article were Cathie Meetre, Amy Hansen and Anne Gardner.)

## Name Your Choice As Outstanding Citizen

## by Barbara Havekost

While we're all still awaiting the excitement of the Fourth of July and the accompanying fireworks, it's also time to think about who should be Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2015. Look around you -- certain people stand out for the services they render, the generous gift of their time and concern for others. It's these folks who have made Greenbelt such a great place to live

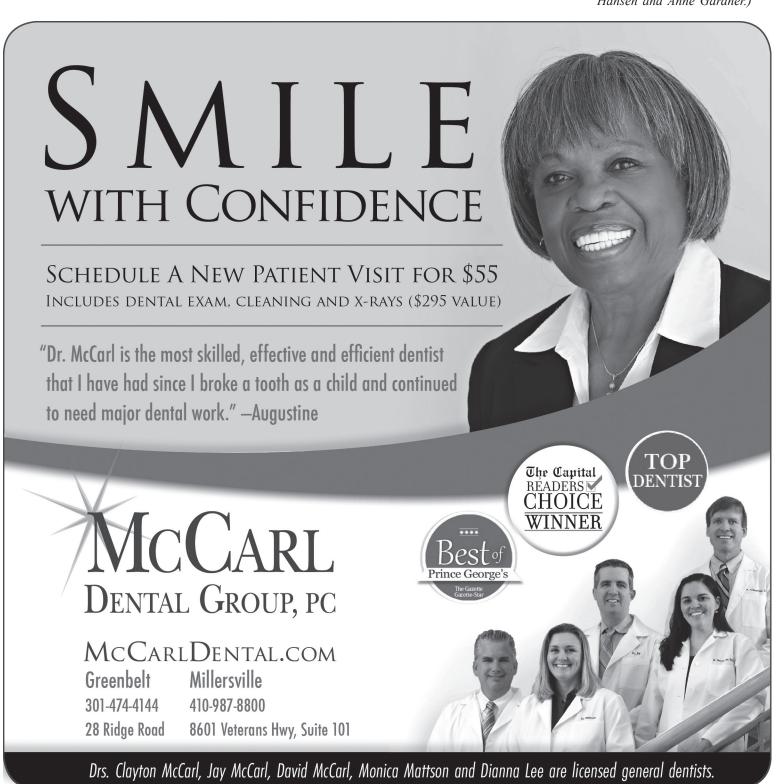
Nominees must be volunteers; city employees and elected officials may not be considered. The nomination deadline is August 3 with the award given on Friday, September. 4, at the kick-off of the Labor Day Festival. A reception will follow immediately with all former Outstanding Citizens as special guests and everyone invited. The 2015 Outstanding Citizen will be the grand marshal of the parade on Labor Day.

Greenbelt is blessed with many organizations striving to make the city a better place in which to live. Surely among these are individuals whose contributions are so meaningful they deserve to be recognized.

If you know a person who gives generously of his or her time, shows concern for others, who demonstrates leadership, enthusiasm and cooperation, now is the time to send your nomination to: Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Robert Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, or by emailing him at rezugby@aol.com. A nomination form is provided elsewhere in the News Review.

Your nomination should include the various organizations and activities in which your nominee has served. If you've previously nominated someone without success, don't be discouraged; try again. The selection committee receives many deserving nominations each year but only one person can be selected. Your favorite could be this year's recipient.

Prizes donated by local businesses will be given to the successful nominee, proclamations will be presented by elected officials and his or her name will be added to the previous honorees on a plaque that hangs in the Community Center. Don't let this opportunity pass to honor someone you feel is special and deserves to be recognized.





## **Peace Month Ribbon-Cutting Honors Four Activists**

The final Greenbelt Peace Month event will be a ribboncutting for a special outdoor area created to honor the lives and continue the inspiration of four late Greenbelt activists: Esther Webb, Bert Donn, Bob Auerbach and Doug Love. Free and open to all, the event will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 4 p.m. The memorial area is located off Crescent Road behind the Library and Community Center, on the lawn below the Greenbelt Youth Center parking lot.

Two summers ago, many friends and colleagues gathered at a picnic to remember the four Greenbelt activists, three of whom had recently died. Many there felt challenged to follow these activists' examples in pursuit of peace, social justice, environmental stewardship and creativity, and they began to raise funds for a memorial to the four that would help extend their inspiration to future generations. Plans were made for an outdoor space for quiet thought and small gatherings and available to the Greenbelt community.

That space has become a reality. It has four trees, one adopted for each activist, and benches placed in a small common seating area. Through Greenbelt's memorial program, city officials have used the funds raised to create this one space to honor the four late citizens who had worked together in life. The space is to be shared by current and future generations of activists and is a gift for the whole community.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony

Longhorn Cheese | Blueberry Pie 8 inch Palms

will include highlights of the lives of Esther, Bert, Bob and Doug. Others will then be invited to speak about how these four activists had affected their own lives and how the living might carry forward their legacy.

This first gathering in the me-

morial area will include a dedication of the space and a commitment of lives inspired by these activists. There will be a fond look backward and a hopeful look toward a better future.

For more information, contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

## Free Vouchers Are Available for Pets

Four Cities No Cost Spay/ Neuter Initiative Provides Free Vouchers for Pet Owners

More than 70 million homeless cats and dogs in the U.S. and 5 million other animals are euthanized each year in shelters. Spaying and neutering companion animals slows pet over-population and improves the quality of life for pets and owners. Through the Four Cities No Cost Spay/Neuter Initiative, qualified pet owners can apply for vouchers for free surgery to spay and neuter their

Funded by a grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Program, the Four Cities Initiative is jointly-sponsored by the cities of Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights, and New Carrollton. Although the program is targeted at pet owners residing in these communities, any Maryland resident who meets eligibility requirements may apply for a voucher. Applications for vouchers should be submitted by July 1 if possible.

Pet owners may download an application form from greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter or send an email to spayneutervoucher@ greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124. Applicants must be current residents of Maryland and meet at least one of ten income eligibility requirements. The voucher may be redeemed for a free spay/ neuter surgery for a dog or cat to be performed at the SpayNow veterinary clinic in Laurel, Mary-

Spaying or neutering pets not only slows overpopulation but can also improve the animal's quality of life, prevent disease, and curb behavioral issues. Unneutered dogs and cats in the heated pursuit of mates can fight with other animals or get injured or killed by cars. A neutered male cat is less likely to act aggressively or mark his territory by "spraying" (urinating). Spaying and neutering also prevent certain diseases such as uterine, testicular, and breast cancer.

When responsible owners take advantage of the spay/neuter vouchers, their pets live longer and fewer kittens and puppies will be born into an uncertain

## At the Library

All county libraries will be closed Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Every Hero Has a Story is the 2015 Summer Reading Program theme for all children at the Greenbelt library. Sign up for Summer@Your Library through August 15 and get a game board. The first 3,500 students to register will receive a free T-shirt.

#### Writing Contest

The Prince George's County Municipal Library System is participating in the Library of Congress National Book Festival's A

Book That Shaped Me summer writing contest, which encourages rising 5th and 6th graders to reflect on a book that had a personal impact on their lives. Top winners will be honored at the National Book Festival on September 5 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Participants should choose one book - fiction or nonfiction - and write a one-page essay about its impact on their life. Entries must be submitted in person to library branches by Friday, July 10. Additional information is available at the Greenbelt library.

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# **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm, or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### **Robbery**

June 10, 10:20 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A man walking into a condominium building saw another man, sitting on the steps, who displayed a handgun and demanded his wallet. When he replied he had no wallet, the man grabbed his cell phone and fled on a bicycle.

June 14, 11:44 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A man reported that he was walking from his car when a person approached and engaged him in conversation. Another person approached him from behind, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. They got the money and ran to a nearby vehicle, described as a black Toyota Camry with N.J. tags, and fled. One person is described as a black woman, 5'8" tall, 160 pounds, with brown hair, wearing a pink dress and black sandals. The other is described as a black man, 6'1" tall, 250 pounds, with black hair, wearing jeans, a white T-shirt and black shoes.

#### Assault

June 13, 8:05 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A man was working inside a vacant apartment when another man came from one of the bedrooms, assaulted him and demanded to know where his marijuana was. He then fled the area on foot. The worker, who had been struck several times in the face and body, was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment. The assailant is described as being black, 5'6" tall, 140 pounds, with short black curly hair, wearing a red and gray jacket, dark pants and a black backpack.

## Arrest

June 10, 6:36 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Cherrywood Lane. A 21-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 10, 8:42 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A 45-year-old resident was arrested and charged with indecent exposure after he allegedly exposed himself to a passerby from the window of a residence. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 12, 2:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A

21-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment and abuse of a vulnerable adult after he allegedly left the special needs adult for whom he was caring unattended in a vehicle for several hours. The vulnerable adult was not injured. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 13, 6:26 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Drive. A 50-year-old resident was arrested and charged with assault and disorderly conduct after he allegedly threatened another person with a knife. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 17, 3:53 a.m., 7800 block Walker Drive. A 20-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with false imprisonment and assault after he allegedly took a woman he knew from her place of work, physically assaulted her, forced her into a vehicle and drove away. He was arrested when he dropped her off near her office a short time later. The woman was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commis-

## **DWI/DUI**

June 9, 10:12 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 58-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

June 10, 8:42 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A 25-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

## **Theft**

June 12, 6 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. Shoes, candy and cosmetics were taken from a room at the Holiday Inn.

June 12, 6 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man parked his gray ten-speed bicycle in front of the Giant grocery store; when he returned he saw a man leaving with his bike. He is described as black, 20 to 22 years old, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 140 to 150 pounds, wearing blue jeans, a black T-shirt and a blue hat.

June 15, 9:23 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A black and red Magna bicycle parked inside Target was taken.

#### **Drinking in Public**

June 14, 2:49 a.m., Crescent Road and Parkway. A 25-yearold resident was arrested and charged with drinking in public. He was released on citation pending trial.

#### **Counterfeit Money**

June 14, 7:30 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A cab driver reported that the man he picked up in Washington, D.C. and dropped off in the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive paid with what later turned out to be a counterfeit fifty dollar bill.

#### **Burglary**

June 12, 6:10 a.m., 7700 block Greenbelt Road. Three laptop computers and a passport were taken during a commercial bur-

June 12, 9:35 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road. Burglary. A man inside his home heard a noise coming from the basement. He then discovered a basement window open. Nothing appears to have been taken.

June 13, 5 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Money and a GPS unit were taken from a residence.

#### Vandalism

June 12, 8:40 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A man reported that someone broke out a pane of glass while he was working out in the gym.

#### **Vehicle Crime**

A blue 4-door 2011 Infiniti with Va. tags VDB213 was stolen June 15 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

A 2002 Dodge Caravan reported stolen May 29 from the 6300 block Ivy Lane was recovered June 11 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1100 block 4th Street S.W., Washington, D.C.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 9300 block Edmonston Road (two purses, clothing and jewelry), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (tire and rim) and 6100 block Breezewood Court (Md. tags 4BY8907).

In the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace an in-dash media player was taken after a rear window was broken out, and in the 7200 block Mathew Street a wallet and cell phone were taken from an unsecured vehicle.

Vandalism was reported in the 7500 block Greenbrook Drive (rear windshield was broken out) and in the 7100 block Mathew Street (two tires were slashed).

## Help Needed to Identify Sexual Assault Suspect

The Greenbelt Police Department is asking for help in identifying the man wanted for sexually assaulting a 6-year-old girl in a store in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road on Thursday, June 18 around 7:20 p.m. He approached her in the women's restroom and touched her inappropriately before she was able to yell for help.

He is described as Latino, 25 to 30 years old, 5'8" tall, with a medium build, wearing a black T-shirt with a white Nike swoosh logo on the front, a black bucket-type hat and black sneakers.

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## Peace Pole Dedicated At Community Church

by Karen Yoho

Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Cadettes and members of the community joined together to dedicate a Peace Pole at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, on Saturday, June 20. As part of Peace Month in Greenbelt, the church "planted" the pole that was prepared earlier this year by Girl Scout troops from Greenbelt and College Park. Joining in the commemoration ceremony were Mayor Emmett Jordan, and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Edward Putens. The Reverend Glennyce Grindstaff, pastor of the Community Church, officiated.

In the spirit of peace, the pole displays the message May Peace Prevail on Earth. Several languages appear on the three sides of the pole including Japanese, Spanish, French and German. Girl Scouts of all ages painted the pole at an annual global event called Thinking Day which was held at Greenbelt Community Church in February. The remaining blank side of the pole will be prepared in the weeks ahead by the youth of the church. The solar light at the top of the pole will illuminate at dusk, providing one additional reminder of peace.

Following the dedication the

Girl Scouts and guests made origami cranes. The origami crane is another symbol of peace and global understanding that was popularized in the story of Sadako Sasaki, who was exposed to radiation in Hiroshima as a young girl and later died. Her wish was for 1,000 cranes to be made for peace.

#### Peace Celebrated

Greenbelt Community Church members also celebrated peace during the church service on Sunday morning, June 21. "It is especially poignant that we dedicate this Peace Pole in the days following the massacre at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, S.C. World peace is important, but we need to expand our thinking to include peace in our own country, our own cities," said the Rev. Grindstaff. "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that 'Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.' I hope that as people walk by our pole at Hillside and Crescent it will be a daily reminder that peace begins with each one of us."

The first Peace Pole was erected in Japan in 1955. Since that time, more than 200,000 Peace Poles in 200 countries around the world have been planted and dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders to visualize and pray for world peace. This is Greenbelt's second Peace Pole, with the first erected at Mowatt Methodist Church.



Above: Girl Scouts gather to dedicate Peace Pole. Front Page: Front Row (l-r): Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Girl Scouts Alexus Bailey and Mary Alyce Yoho and councilmembers Judith Davis and Edward Putens. Back row (l-r): Mayor Emmett Jordan, Greenbelt Community Church Moderator David Alexander.

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body for competitive swimming in the United States.

Early said she had been a member of the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team for many years. Since coming out last year as transgender, she has received the full support of her teammates and coaches. The problem she has encountered is not with the team but with what she identifies as discriminatory city policy that permits her to change only in the separate area designated for disabled persons and families.

Early said she had dealt with the inconveniences of having to wait until the room is unoccupied, as well as having to find a lifeguard to open the door, since it is kept locked. But she recently went into the room and found it "covered in human excrement" and resolved never to use that room again.

Early said that when her mother complained, she was told by pool staff that such incidents happened "all the time" in the family changing room. Members of council intervened to say that was not true but that the city had heard that recently there had been a similar problem in other public buildings in the area.

Early said that in all the "away" meets in which the Greenbelt team participates, the pools follow Swimming USA rules of letting transgender swimmers use the locker rooms, changing facilities and rest rooms that are consistent with their gender identity. Noting that she has received nothing but support from teammates and members of other teams, both in and out of the changing rooms, she said, "This means that at other pools in the area, I am allowed to use the women's changing room, but not at my own home pool."

Councilmembers thanked Early for coming to speak. The mayor also assured her that they were aware of the situation and were already in the process of discussing it

Another Greenbelt resident, Janeen Miller, spoke in support of Early and encouraged city council to move quickly on the matter lest the swim team's season be over before the policy can be changed. She added that it was her belief that the Fairness for All Marylanders Act, enacted in 2014, makes discrimination against transgender people in this type of public accommodation illegal.

## Deer Ticks

Joseph Murray also petitioned council to undertake a comprehensive tick control program. He said there are many more ticks in the area this year, carrying more diseases than in the past. The program he proposed would be cost-effective and not negatively impact other systems. Permethrin on an automatic corn feeder would treat the deer as they put their heads into it to eat. He said the Friends School will be implementing it this year. The device has also been used at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in the past. It was stopped for some years because of budget restrictions but will be used there again this year. Council was generally supportive and referred the proposal to the city manager.

Open Space

City staff's proposed Program Open Space (POS) Annual Program engendered council's annual discussion of the use of POS monies for purposes other than purchase of property. Based on census figures and the amount allotted to the county by the state, Greenbelt will receive \$88,065.

The state requires that 50 percent of local government POS funding be used for projects involving acquisition and protection of open space. Since Prince George's County is meeting this obligation with its own acquisitions this year, it will allow municipalities to use up to 100 percent of their shares for development projects.

The city has been unable to acquire open space for some time now since no parcels have been available for purchase. It is holding almost \$63,000 of POS money in reserve in the event that something turns up. In the meantime, its share of POS money is used for projects allowed by the state, including a lengthy list of recreation and park facility improvements.

Council voted to add this year's money to those ongoing projects and to maintain the \$63,000 for potential land purchase. Only Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against the plan because he believes it is "a disgrace" to use money the state collects for POS for other allowed purposes. He believes that people have been deceived and think this tax revenue, collected by the state from real estate transfers, is spent solely on land acquisition.

## Legislation

An ordinance was adopted to make a supplemental appropriation of \$190,000 in the 2001 Bond Fund to cover additional expenditures attributable to change orders for the Greenbelt theater renovation with Roberts again voting no. Council also adopted a resolution to redistribute funds among various city accounts.



Sir Rowland (Jon Marget), Clarissa Hailsham-Brown (Devonna Burrowes)

## A Review

## Agatha Christie's Murder Mystery Offers Her Usual Complications

by Jim Link

Agatha Christie's droll, veddy, veddy English comic murder mystery Spider's Web is stylishly presented by Thunderous Productions for three more showings at the Greenbelt Arts Center this weekend on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Set in the drawing room of Henry and Clarissa Hailsham-Brown's country home in Kent, circa 1950, Spider's Web depicts the hilarious efforts of the terribly civilized, wine-tasting, bridge-playing cast to suppress the discovery of a gruesome murder perpetrated right under their noses. After Clarissa stumbles over the bludgeoned body of a visitor in the middle of the night, and convinced her stepdaughter Pippa had dispatched him, she and her guardian Sir Rowland hatch a seemingly perfect scheme to dispose of the corpse. They need the help of all the other house guests, who are persuaded of the byzantine ruse's effectiveness - no corpse, no crime, no muss nor fuss.

But....Oh what a tangled web we weave when at first we practice to deceive....

The elegant naifs haven't reckoned with the tenacity and ratiocinative powers of Inspector Lord and his fierce assistant Constable Jones. As he chips away at their imperturbable facade, their ruse unravels badly.

Who rang the police in the first place? Who moved the body? What is the significance of the ace of spades? The significance of dreams, witchcraft and a mysterious curse?

See this thoroughly enjoyable production for an evening of bloody good fun.

## Kudos

Now some kudos for the players.

Jeff Robert does double duty as corpse and husband. He is the menacing visitor who ends up dead. He is a riveting corpse. He is also excellent as Henry, the wifty, near daft husband who airily dismisses his wife Clarissa's story of murder and mayhem as the product of overheated female imagination.

Devonna Burrowes is Clarissa, Henry's lissome, beautiful, nubile, caring wife. "Henry doesn't deserve her" is what most men in the audience think, I suspect, and are meant to think.

Heather Martin is quite convincing as the confident, persnickety, nasal, relentless Inspector Lord. Though she plays a man, though she is fully clothed, with her hair tied up and hidden by a hat, nothing can altogether mute Martin's beauty.

Melanie Sales' fingerprints are fortunately all over this production. She is the stage manager, assistant director to Rick Starkweather, handles publicity and acts the part of Constable Jones. And she's still an undergraduate.

Cristen Stephansky, another of Starkweather's assistant directors – no wonder he's so good! – plays Hope Birch, a haughty house guest whose raised left eyebrow speaks volumes.

Jon Marget and Linda Elgin do yeoman (yeowoman?) work as Sir Rowland and Annette the cook, respectively.

## Co-producer

Margaret Gardner, co-producer, is also the vulnerable, dreamy adolescent Pippa, for whose protection the nefarious plot is launched.

The ever-welcome Trix White-hall, co-producer, shines as Ms. Peake, the blithe pitchfork wielding gardener.

The ever reliable duo Penny Martin (Heather's mom) and Tommy Zanner harmoniously bring sound and lighting, respectively, to the scene.

A most welcome surprise is the casting of Christina Wilharm as house guest Jenny Warrender. Christie originally cast this character as a man, Jeremy, but Wilharm's female sizzle and glamour inject a whole new dimension into the play. Appearing early in a bikini, toweling off after a swim, casually tossing her one long braid of reddish blonde hair, Wilharm is eye-catching indeed. For the rest of the play she wears a slinky little black dress, her braid undone, hair cascading down her shoulders.

Fear not, Wilharm can act. It's a treat to watch her, legs crossed, daintily polish off a whole plate of sandwiches while seriously plotting a felony.

Who deserves our gratitude for this gender change? Rick Starkweather? Bravo!